



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Conestee Mills
Spanco Drive, Conestee, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through April 5, 2017.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 17-5753-NRP, will affect approximately 8.3 acres located at Spanco Drive and Conestee Road in Conestee, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Greenville County Tax Map Serial Numbers 0422000100300 and 0423000101001. A company known as AV Real Estate Fund, LLC (AV) wants to acquire the property from the current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and AV.

The property was developed in 1820 as a paper mill. In approximately 1862, the facility was converted to manufacture cotton and later other types of textiles until the facility closed in 1978. Manufacturing operations included dyeing. These past industrial activities may have caused contamination on the property.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. AV intends to use some of the existing buildings for residential apartments, hotel, studios, restaurant, brewery and other commercial uses. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow AV to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution from past activity on the property.

DHEC will not hold AV responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, AV will test soil, groundwater, and sediment on the property. If significant contamination is found, AV will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. AV did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, AV will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through April 5, 2017. Questions or comments may be directed to Angela Gorman, Project Manager, by e-mail at gormanak@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0929, or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Angela Gorman at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.